

PSALM 110

Psalm 110 *"A Psalm of David.*

*Jehovah said to my Lord,
'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'
Jehovah shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.
Rule in the midst of Your enemies!*

*Your people shall be volunteers
In the day of Your power;
In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,
You have the dew of Your youth.*

*Jehovah has sworn
And will not relent,
'You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek.'*

*Jehovah is at Your right hand;
He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.
He shall judge among the nations,
He shall fill the places with dead bodies,
He shall execute the heads of many countries.
He shall drink of the brook by the wayside;
Therefore He shall lift up the head."*

I. "A PSALM OF DAVID" (0)

- A. Mark 12:36** *"For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"*

Jesus attributed the words of David in this psalm to the Holy Spirit.

- B. 2nd Peter 1:20-21** *"No prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."*

We must recognize the divine inspiration of Scripture, never perceiving what we read as the mere collected wisdom of men, nor their commentary on God's will, but knowing, with conviction, that these are the words of God.

II. "JEHOVAH SAID TO MY LORD" (1)

- A. **Matthew 22:41-46** *“While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, ‘What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?’ They said to Him, ‘The Son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How then does David in the Spirit call Him “Lord,” saying: “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’”? **If David then calls Him “Lord,” how is He his Son?** And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.”*

Until Christ posed this question to His contemporaries, it might have been easy to overlook the initial wording of the psalm, but this is a jarring observation – that God would have spoken to David’s Lord about that Lord’s reign!

- B. **2nd Samuel 7:12-17** *“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.’ According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.”*

God promised David that his descendants would reign over the kingdom forever. He is the first of an unending dynasty.

- C. **Romans 1:3-4** *“Jesus Christ our Lord... was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”*

David is the forefather of Jesus in the fleshly sense, but rising from the dead proved Him to be the very Son of God. That is how He is both David’s son and David’s Lord!

III. "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND" (1)

- A. **Acts 2:32-36** *"This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "**Sit at My right hand**, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."*

Peter applied David's words to Jesus, specifically His exaltation in the ascension.

- B. **Mark 16:19** *"After the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and **sat down at the right hand** of God."*
- Jesus went immediately from earth to the throne of heaven.
- C. **Hebrews 10:11-12** *"Every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, **sat down** at the right hand of God."*

That He is seated means His work is done. He accomplished what He set out to do upon the cross.

- D. **Acts 5:30-31** *"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His **right hand** to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins."*

His present position indicates His role as Savior.

- E. **Colossians 3:1-2** *"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, **sitting at the right hand** of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."*

Wherever Christ is, is where the mind of the Christian ought to be.

IV. “TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL” (1)

- A. **Ephesians 1:17-23** *“The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things **under His feet**, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”*

Christ’s universal reign began at the ascension and is manifest in His role of supremacy over the church.

- B. **Hebrews 1:13-14** *“But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘**Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool**’? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”*

His power exceeds that of every angel.

- C. **Hebrews 10:12-13** *“This Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time **waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.**”*

Although Christ already came into His kingdom, the conquest is not yet complete.

V. “RULE IN THE MIDST OF YOUR ENEMIES” (2)

- A. **1st Corinthians 15:24-26** *“Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and*

power. For He must reign till He has put all **enemies** under His feet. The last **enemy** that will be destroyed is death.”

The subjugation of everything under His feet remains incomplete as we all await the destruction of the final enemy: death.

- B. 1st Peter 5:8** “Be sober, be vigilant; because your **adversary** the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Satan remains active on earth despite Christ’s rule

- C. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** “Another parable He put forth to them, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his **enemy** came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, “Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?” He said to them, “An **enemy** has done this.” The servants said to him, “Do you want us then to go and gather them up?” But he said, “No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest**, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, ‘First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.’””

“His disciples came to Him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.’ He answered and said to them: ‘He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The **enemy** who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of

teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Jesus taught in the parable of the tares of the field that tares grow alongside good seed, as a work of the enemy who is the devil. Christ rules amidst His enemies.

VI. “YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE VOLUNTEERS IN THE DAY OF YOUR POWER” (3)

- A. Acts 2:40-41** *“And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation.’ Then those who **gladly** received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”*

Those saved through baptism into Christ do so because of a glad reception to the word preached. That implies a voluntary decision to become Christ’s.

- B. Revelation 22:17** *“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever **desires**, let him take the water of life freely.”*

Access to the water of life, which is eternal salvation, is dependent on desire!

VII. “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK” (4)

- A. Genesis 14:18-20** *“Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: ‘Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ And he gave him a tithe of all.”*

Prior to David’s prophecy in the psalm, these three verses are all that was known about Melchizedek. He is the first person ever called “priest” in Scripture, long before there was a priesthood among the sons of Aaron of the tribe of Levi, in the nation of Israel, under the Law of Moses. He was also the king of Salem. He interacted once with Abram, blessing him.

B. Hebrews 6:19-7:28 *“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace,’ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of*

an endless life. For He testifies: 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.' For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: 'The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek"'), by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant. Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever."

The Aaronic/Levitical priesthood was limited both by the sins of the priests and by their mortality. A better priesthood was necessary. Since Jesus is from a different tribe, His priesthood could not be based on genealogy, as was that of the Old Testament. Rather, it was based on the oath recorded in Psalm 110. It is precisely what we do not know about Melchizedek that causes Christ's priesthood to be like his. Now, having such a High Priest, we know the former covenant is done away.

VIII. “THE LORD IS AT YOUR RIGHT HAND; HE SHALL EXECUTE KINGS IN THE DAY OF HIS WRATH. HE SHALL JUDGE AMONG THE NATIONS, HE SHALL FILL THE PLACES WITH DEAD BODIES, HE SHALL EXECUTE THE HEADS OF MANY COUNTRIES.” (5-6)

A. *Matthew 25:31-34, 41* “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ***All the nations will be gathered before Him***, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

Jesus asserted His judgment will be a universal judgment. Every nation will be present.

B. *Revelation 20:12* “I saw the dead, ***small and great***, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”

John testified that people of every social status will be subject to that final judgment.

IX. “HE SHALL DRINK OF THE BROOK BY THE WAYSIDE; THEREFORE HE SHALL LIFT UP THE HEAD.” (7)

A. *Psalms 27:6* “And now my ***head shall be lifted up*** above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to Jehovah.”

The lifted head implies victory.

B. **1st Chronicles 29:11** *“Yours, O Jehovah, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Jehovah, and You are exalted as head over all.”*

Victory belongs to God!